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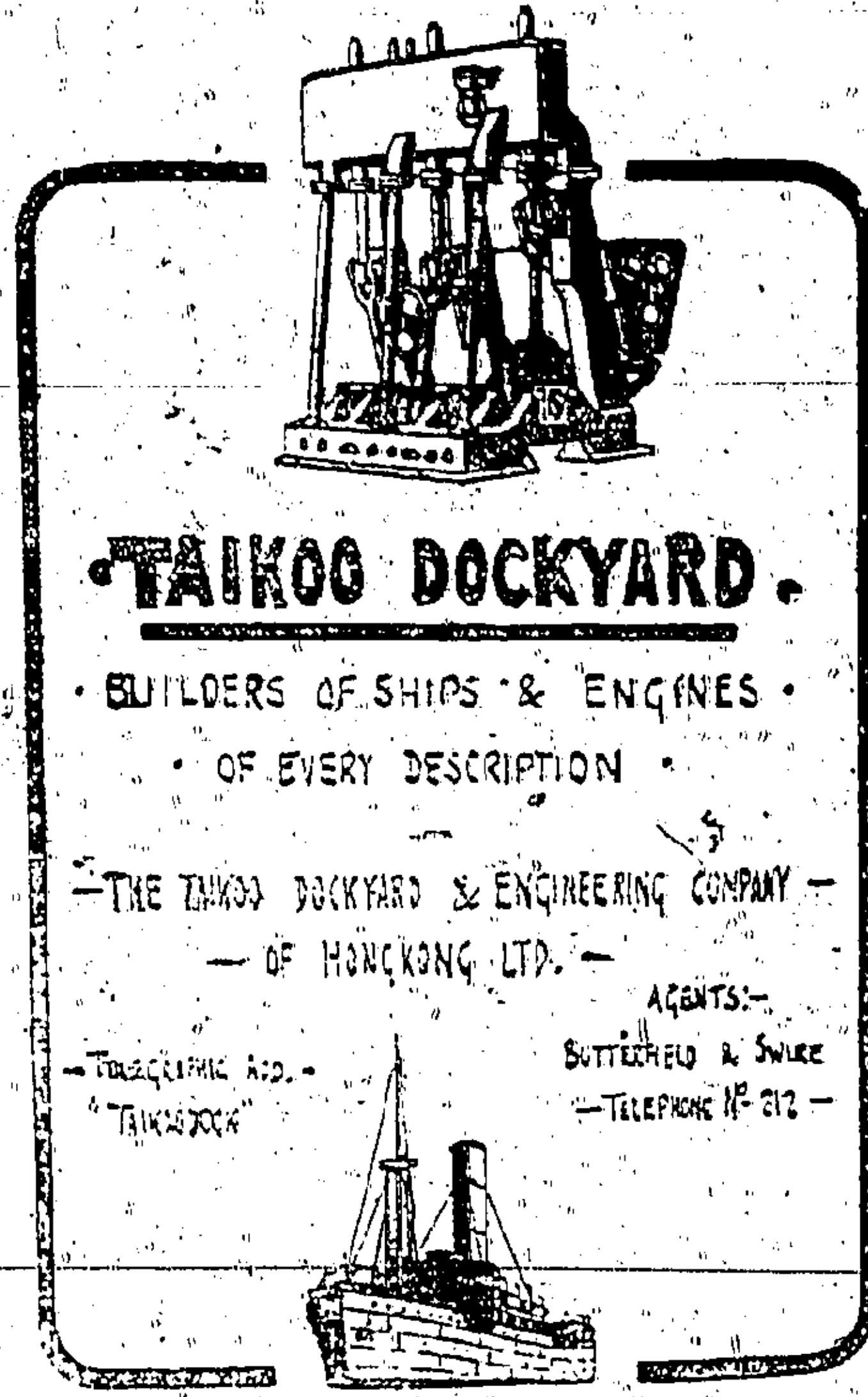
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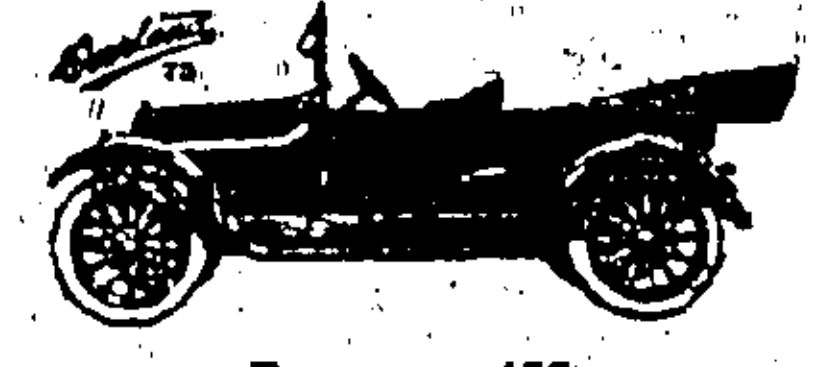
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**SUBMARINISM.**  
London, Feb. 15.  
The latest sinkings reported are the steamer *Forceland* (British), three British and one Norwegian small craft. Total, including the *Africa*, 11,000 tons.  
**ANOTHER MERCHANT CAPTAIN A PRISONER.**  
London, Feb. 15.  
Survivors of the *Saxonia* state that the ship was shelled before she was sunk. The captain was taken prisoner, the boatswain died of wounds and four of the crew were wounded, including an American.  
**THE ARMING OF MERCHANT SHIPS.**  
London, Feb. 15.  
Lord Curzon stated in the House of Lords that nearly 50 per cent. more merchant ships were armed now than at the beginning of December.

**THE RUSSIAN FRONT.**  
**BATTLE IN PROGRESS NEAR ZLOTCHEV.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
A Russian official report states that the enemy attacked, south-eastward of Zlotchev, and that a battle is proceeding.  
**GERMAN REPORT.**  
A German official report states: We stormed northward of the railway between Zloczow and Tarnopol, penetrated one hundred metres, and remained five hours. We destroyed extensive mine shafts and took 281 prisoners. We have also effectively bombarded the harbour and military establishment at Galatz.  
**THE WESTERN FRONT.**  
**RAIDING OPERATIONS ON BRITISH FRONT.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: A successful raid was carried out north-east of Guendecourt. Enemy raiding parties to the north of Loos and westward of Messines were caught by our artillery and machine-gun fire and dispersed. A third party reached a post to the north-east of Loos, but were driven off with losses.

**ACCUMULATION OF CARGOES IN AMERICAN PORTS.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
There is an immense accumulation of goods in American ports owing to ships not sailing. A million tons of steel for export are detained in New York. The movement of grain has been disarranged by the congestion on the railways.  
**FACTORIES SHUTTING DOWN.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.  
Thirty of the leading railways have agreed virtually not to accept shipments for export to the eastern seaboard till the congestion is relieved. Trains at ports are unable to unload through lack of ships which will not sail until the Government provides the means of conveyance. Factories are shutting down in Chicago and other cities in the interior and there is a general lessening of production in many lines, owing to freight difficulties.  
**MORE BOMBS ON BRUGES HARBOUR.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
The Admiralty announces that aeroplanes again on the 14th inst. dropped a considerable weight of bombs on the harbour and shipping at Bruges with most successful results. One of our aeroplanes did not return.

**FURIOUS GERMAN BOMBARDMENT.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
A French communiqué states: Enemy artillery, vigorously countered by ours, furiously bombarded the *Maisons de Campagne* sector.  
There is also an artillery duel on the right of the Meuse.  
**GERMANS MISSING IN SCHLESWIG.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
It is reported from Denmark that German troops are missing in Schleswig.  
**THE MESOPOTAMIAN COMMISSION.**  
LONDON, Feb. 15.  
The Mesopotamian Commission has completed its examination of witnesses.  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 15th February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
J. H. TARRANT,  
General Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1917. 1468

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 12th February to THURSDAY, 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1917. 1467

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THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 5, George Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 23rd February, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 19th February, 1917, until FRIDAY, the 23rd February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1917. 1469

HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1916.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
N. J. STABLE,  
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## THE RUGBY SEASON.

A mid-season impression of Rugby football is that the forwards are stronger than last year in physique, and that the backs are not so brilliant. In the Schools' Championship, Fettes College and George Watson's College are undefeated, and share the honours of leadership. Fettes are generally the cleverer, are the better balanced, and have the team spirit more highly developed. Perhaps the best of their work is the quickness with which any of their players can adapt himself to any situation. The forwards, following the example of the stalwart T. S. Ross, convert themselves into backs with easy readiness—adaptability, indeed, is the keynote of the team. On the other hand, Watson's have a fine pack, are sound in defence, and may finish eventually as leaders. Merchiston are rather disappointing; they do not appear to be getting full value for their talented third line. For this the forwards are to a large extent responsible, as they scarcely maintain Merchiston tradition, and suggest restraint in their work. Loratto are somewhat small and light, and ability is not evenly distributed. Their best players are Simpson, a beautiful kicker, and Sinclair, an energetic stayer. Edinburgh Academy have a good set of forwards, but apart from Hutton at scrum half, are weak behind. Their backs indulge in mechanical passing which leads nowhere. At Glenalmond, Alexander is the bright particular star, but he lacks support. The forwards, sound enough, never seem to rise to any heights.

The best school teams, however, are not included in the School Championship, and these are Glasgow High School and George Heriot's School. The Glasgow institution has the most level side, and all departments show distinct capacity. A good pack is led by McKear, Carswell has developed into an effective scrum half, and those behind him are speedy and enterprising. Heriot's are not so homogeneous; their forwards are brilliant, but their backs are fitful. Glasgow Academy are not inferior to the above two teams when they happen to be in form, but they are somewhat inconsistent. Their forwards are on the light side, and they have a good stand-off half. Dollar has a working pack, but has not been able to give their backs many opportunities; indeed they are generally disappointing.

The second half of the season promises to be interesting, although most of the teams will lose some of their members to the Services.

## ASSOCIATION.

By the defeat of Rangers at Motherwell, Celtic's position at the head of the League is a very strong one. Greenock Morton keep going, but Airdrieonians, defeated at home, may now be regarded

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as quite out of the running. It was a capital performance of Dundee to beat the Airdrie men on their own mid-denhead.

Celtic were full value for their two goals against Partick Thistle. Motherwell's defence held up Rangers, and all round their forwards were the stronger. Queen's Park found scoring easy against a depleted Hibernian team. Clyde took Dumbarton too cheaply, and suffered by only securing a draw. Enthusiasm begotten of recent victories carried St. Mirren to one more triumph at Falkirk. Kilmarnock dealt tenderly with Raith Rovers; and Hamilton Academicals were rather easily mastered at Greenock. No team suffered such an undeserved defeat as did Heart of Mid-Lothian at the hands of Ayr United; the play was in their favour though the score was against them.

Heart of Mid-Lothian, 1; Ayr United, 2.  
Queen's Park, 4; Hibernians, 1.  
Partick Thistle, 0; Celtic, 2.  
Motherwell, 2; Rangers, 1.  
Morton, 3; Hamilton Academicals, 0.  
Airdrieonians, 2; Dundee, 3.  
Falkirk, 0; St. Mirren, 2.  
Kilmarnock, 3; Raith Rovers, 0.  
Clyde, 2; Dumbarton, 2.  
Aberdeen, 0; Third Lanark, 1.

## FOOTBALL AND THE WAR.

The Scottish Football League have suspended for six weeks a professional footballer named Gallagher, who was found guilty in the law courts of neglecting national work for the purpose of playing in Championship matches. The League also fined the Celtic Club £25; while the Club, they said, had no knowledge of Gallagher's offence, it had yet been guilty of indiscretion in using his services after his conviction. The feeling is pretty general in Scotland that Gallagher and the Celtic Club are let off too easily and that a heavier punishment was called for. It is satisfactory, however, to see that the League, when a case of the infringement of the war rules is brought to their notice, rebuked and punished both a first-class player and a first-class club. Too often in the past, ruling bodies in sport have been too apt to pay attention to the status and importance of the parties accused, and have acted other than judicially. In this instance, happily, no such reproach can be urged. It is the first time under the stringent conditions governing war workers that a footballer has appeared before a sporting tribunal to answer a charge of imperilling national interests, and the fact of his conviction and punishment, rather than the extent of the penalty, will have a good effect. Football is kindly dealt with in Scotland; practically it has suffered from no Government interference; and the Scottish League are well advised to see a due observance of the rules under which alone the weekly games are permissible.

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TOOTH POWDER.

Terms—As usual.

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Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1504

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Executors of the Estate of the late Mr. L. R. NEEDHAM, to sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 17th February, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 6, Mountain View, the Peak.

THE

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

etc., etc., etc.

contained therein.

Comprising:—

Hall Stands, Teakwood Upholstered

Seater, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Indian

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Blackwood Arm-chairs and Settees,

Handsomely carved Blackwood Screens,

Stands, etc., a small collection of Carved

wood Figures, Vases, Bronzes, etc.,

Picture and Engravings, large Side

board, Extension Dining Tables and

Chairs, Electro-plated Ware and Cutlery,

large Dinner Service (complete), Glass

Ware, Spirit Lamps, etc.,

Teakwood Wardrobes, Chest of

drawers, Dressing Tables, Washstands,

Single Iron Bedstead, Sundry Bed and

Table Linen, Pantry, Kitchen and Bath

Room Utensils, etc., etc.

On view Friday, 16th inst. from 3 p.m.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—Cash.

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Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1493

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### SATURDAY,

the 17th February, 1917, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A consignment of

HOUSEHOLD LINEN, &c.

Consisting of:—

Shirts, Table Cloths, Serviettes,

Towels and Bath Sheets, Dusters, Bed

spreads, Lady's and Gent's Handker-

chiefs, Pillow Cases, Underskirts, Ladies

Underwear.

Also

A number of Lady's Sweater Coats (new)

And

A number of Lots of Lace Curtains.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1478

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### MONDAY,

the 19th February, 1917, at 11 a.m., at No. 7, Cox's Path, Austin Road, Kowloon.

THE SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

therein contained.

On view day of Sale.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1503

## AUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### TUESDAY,

the 20th February, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND

BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,

etc., etc., etc.

As follows:—

One Upholstered Suite, Arm-chairs

and Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom Furni-

ture, comprising Double Brass-mounted

Bedstead, Twin Bedsteads (Teakwood),

Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension

Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea, and

Occasional Tables, etc., etc., Dinner

Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking

Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Set, etc., Bath

Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and

Writing Tables, etc., Sundry Electro

Plated Ware.

Piano in good condition, Electric

Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teak-

wood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood

Furniture, Pictures, Engravings, etc.

Also

One large Chiming Clock by Falconer,

original cost £600.00 Tennis Rackets and

Netting, etc., etc.

Brass Finger Bowls, Carpets (New

and second hand), Childs Cots, etc.,

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1501

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### THURSDAY,

the 22nd February, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 7, Middle Row, Kowloon.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

etc., etc., etc.

therein contained.

Comprising:—

Hall Stand and Table, Handsomely

carved Blackwood Desk, Music Cabinets,

Stands, etc., Oil Paintings, Water

Colours and Engravings, Hand-painted

Madras Muslin Curtains (new), Orna-

ments and Vases, including a few pieces

of Carved Ivory, etc., large Marble-top

Sideboard, Extension Dining Tables and

Chairs, Leather-covered Upholstered

Seater, Glass Ware (including Cut-glass),

large Dinner Service (Crown Derby),

Cutlery, etc., Double and Single Bed-

steads, Wardrobe, Dressing Cabinet,

Shaving Mirror, Roll-top Desk, etc.,

Bath Room, Pantry and Kitchen

Utensils.

Also

Boudoir Grand Piano by Winkelmann

Brunchweil in very good condition,

Electric Fittings, Plants in Pots, etc., etc.

On view—Wednesday, 21st inst. from

2 p.m.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1505

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### FRIDAY,

the 23rd February, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 17, Kennedy Road, (Top Flat).

A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

etc., etc., etc.

therein contained.

Consisting of:—

Teakwood Hall Stand, Roll-top Desk

and Bookcase Combined, Handsomely

carved Blackwood Sideboard,

Large Blackwood Silver Cabinet,

Bevelled Overmantel Mirror in Black-

wood Frame, Blackwood Fire Screen

with Blue and White Panels, Large

Blackwood Round Dining Table, Silk

Tapestry-covered Arm-chairs and Ches-

terfield Sofa, Brass Double Bed

(practically new), Teakwood Wardrobe,

Bureau, and Washstand all with Bevelled

Mirrors, a few lots of Pictures, Table and

Bed Linen, Glass Ware, etc.

Also

One Good Dinner Service, Copper

Fender and Fire Irons, Ice Chest,

Shanghai Bath, etc., etc.

Also

One Upright Grand Piano by John

Broadwood and Son, London (practically

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BOARD and BLACKWOOD DINING

TABLE.

On view from Thursday, 22nd instant

at noon.

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Terms—Cash.

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Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1917. 1503

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From One Own Correspondent.)

January 3.

### NEW YEAR TIME IN SCOTLAND.

Once upon a time Hogmanay was a great Scottish festival. It ushered in the "daff days," a week of holidaying and rejoicing in honour of the New Year. There was much fun, "daffing," and horseplay; and the spirit of the time was, of course, the national spirit that hails from Talsker and Glenlivet. But now Hogmanay is even as other days; first footing has well-nigh disappeared, and all we do is to wish each other "A Happy New Year." The festival of just closed, though sufficiently observed to continue the ancient Scottish custom, was quiet and reserved in tone. It did not in any way fulfil E. L. Stevenson's description, "a time of family expansions and of deep carousal." Still there was not the slightest sign of depression; all was optimism and cheerfulness. The great feature of the holidays was the number of soldiers on leave from the front. Many stirring scenes were witnessed at the railway stations, and in some cases streets, even whole districts, were decorated in welcome of the returning heroes.

### NEW YEAR LEAVE.

It is like a foretaste of peace to get on leave at any time, but to get leave at New Year time is to the fighting man like a foretaste of Paradise. writes a Scot who crossed over at the end of last week. "Leave generally comes, when least expected; there is not a soldier in France in whose A.B. 64 at one time or another the leave boat is not posted overboard. There is something accidental about the whole affair. One night you hear that the platoon sergeant has been 'inquiring' for you at the billet, a warrant is shoved into your hand, and you pack up hurriedly for the train leaves. Railroad in four hours' time, and Railroad is eight, or ten miles away. If one is lucky he will get a lift on an ammunition or supply lorry; if not, he will have to foot it all the way, along muddy roads and through the black night. The fully laden leave boat is one of the most picturesque sights imaginable. Highlanders, like Teddy Bears in their sheepskin coats, squat on the deck; others, in leather trench jackets and gum boots moved about in search of 'kent' faces: high-limbed Colonials, wearing the broad grin of lively anticipation, mix with the home men, and make one great happy family, exuberant in mirth and song. The 'trench look' has vanished and it is difficult to realise that those eyes, sparkling with life and laughter, were 'The eyes of men who have read with men in the open books of death.' The men are laden with 'souvenirs,' German helmets, little silver trinkets for the women folk, and even shell fuses surreptitiously carried despite serious official warnings, the penalty of discovery is loss of leave.

At London the Scottish soldier finds kindly old gentlemen in uniform who greet him with a familiar "Come along, Jack," proud to take him under their wing and guide him to King's Cross or Euston. In the "Tube," where he rides as an honoured guest, sober business men hand round gold cigarette cases and cigars. Further on in his journey to his home in the distant North, he received at York, or Preston, or Darlington, as the case may be, many added kindnesses, which he is perhaps too shy to formally acknowledge, but for which he is deeply grateful.

### SCOTLAND AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

Mr. Eugene Watson's Scottish Departmental Committee on Food supplies (as stated in last week's Scottish Letter) was asked to make a further report, and after sitting only three days it produced a series of drastic recommendations which have created quite a sensation. Starting with the game question, the report declares that "the losses still caused by deer and rabbits are considerable," and if the recent circular of the Board of Agriculture fails to be effective, they consider "that an order should be made giving the Board power to enter premises, and to take and destroy by any available means deer and rabbits." It is also recommended that "no obstruction should be placed in the way of farmers killing all rabbits on their holdings or in adjoining woods; and also that the fullest liberty should be given to all occupiers of land to kill by any

means available deer that are trespassing on their grazings or destroying their crops, and if this is not effective the Board should apply for an order giving them full power to deal with the subject." The formation of local agricultural committees is recommended, whose duties should be to ascertain the possibilities of cropping in their districts, and what additional labour, if any, is necessary. The report states that there are 14 million acres of temporary pasture in Scotland which could with advantage be applied to grain-growing; that steps should be taken to cultivate land now let as grass parks and home policies, the Board to have compulsory powers to occupy and cultivate such land if necessary. A revival of pig-rearing in villages is advocated, the pigs being fed upon waste food as present destroyed.

### THE WAR AND SHIPBUILDING.

In accordance with the request of the Admiralty, no details of the shipbuilding of the United Kingdom are published this year. It goes without saying that the yards continued busy with naval work. The purely mercantile production decreased from about 650,000 tons to 582,000 tons, and was less altogether than that of the Clyde in a normal year. This comparison is eloquent of two things, (1) the amount of work of a non-military character that has been done, and (2) the amount of reserved power that will be released in British shipbuilding when the war is over. Behind the simple total given above, say the Clyde shipbuilders, there lies a period of unprecedented activity, of works extensions, of improvements in plant and organisation that will be invaluable assets when the war is over. It is an experience which has proved that those who thought British shipbuilding had come within sight of its limit in productive power in 1914 had very little idea of what it could really do.

### KHAKI AND RELIGION.

In the course of a communication to the "Record" of the United Free Church, the Rev. Dr. Ewing, of Edinburgh, chaplain to the forces in Mesopotamia, touches on the soldier's attitude to religion. "I am sure no one will misunderstand me when I say that the average soldier is not a saint, in the conventional or any other sense; nor would the soldier be grateful to any one, who said he was on the highway to that distinction." The soldier, says Dr. Ewing, "is a man of fairly keen observation and sane judgment, with a full share of shrewd common sense, and he abhors cant." The soldier should be spared the embarrassment of being thrust into a false position by having attributed to him religious feelings, spiritual quickenings and aspirations to which he makes no claim." Dr. Ewing says he has gathered opinions with care from officers of all ranks, and the conclusion is inevitable. "The war has not produced any great moral and spiritual change in the men as a whole."

### STIRLING AND MR. PENSONBY.

The Executive of Stirling Burghs Liberal Association have unanimously passed a resolution, "That intimation be made to Mr. Pensonby that he no longer commands the confidence of the Executive; and that they will be unable to recommend him as Liberal candidate at the next election."

### TRENCH THOUGHTS: CHRISTMAS 1916.

By Ser. Joseph Lee, 1/4th Black Watch.  
Not of the Christ that came  
Two thousand years ago;  
Only the freight load  
In one loved cot, I know.

Not of those shepherds old  
Watching their flocks by night;  
But Father, and Kate with a light,  
Seeing that cows is right.

Not of the Angel song,  
Peace unto men of Goodwill;  
Only my brother Bill,  
Dead, and he done no ill!

Not of the Heavenly Host,  
Bringing tidings of great joy;  
But my mother's homely prayer,  
And her prayer, "My boy, my boy!"

### DON'T COUGH.

It is absurd to allow a cough to hang on and sap your vitality when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure you. You don't know where a persistent cough will land you. You can't afford to allow your throat and lungs to become diseased when it is such a simple thing to step into a chemist's shop and get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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To-day's Advertisements

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THE DIARY.

**MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.**  
9.15 p.m.—Cinematograph Performance at Peak Club.

**MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Linen at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
Noon.—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Meeting.  
Noon.—Auction of Tooth Powder at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
2.15 p.m.—Cricket on H.K.C.C. ground.—Club v. Civil Service.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture of the late L. R. Needham at No. 6 Mountain View, the Peak.

General Memoranda.

**MONDAY, Feb. 12.**  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at 7 Cox's Path, Austin Road, Kowloon.  
5.30 p.m.—Lecture at Helena May Institute.  
**TUESDAY, Feb. 20.**  
Shrove Tuesday.  
Princess Royal's birthday (1867).  
**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.**  
Ash Wednesday.  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 22.**  
Washington's Birthday.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Piano, etc. at 7 Middle Row, Kowloon.  
**FRIDAY, Feb. 23.**  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Piano, etc. at 17 Kennedy Road.  
**SATURDAY, Feb. 24.**  
Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Meeting.  
Mon. 26, Tues. 27 & Wed. Feb. 28.—Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.  
**SUNDAY, March 1.**  
St. David's Day.  
**SATURDAY, March 3.**  
H.K. Jockey Club Race Meeting 'Off' Day.  
**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, March 9.**  
H.K. II. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

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BIRTH.

DE CANTALHO.—On the 15th February at No. 12, Tregunter Mansion, to Dr. and Mrs. ARTHUR DE CANTALHO, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DEVINGTON—BROWN. At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on February 14th by the Rev. Copley Moyle, FRANCIS, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. STOKES DEVINGTON, Sea View, Frinton on Sea, Essex, to JESSIE OLIVE, niece and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE BROWN, of Suva, Fiji.

**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Feb. 16, 1917.

THE LOGIC OF THE ALLIED ATTITUDE.

THE statement made by Field Marshal Sir DOUGLAS HAIG to a Press Correspondent who interviewed him in Paris, in which he emphasised that an incomplete or halting peace would leave Germany able to take a terrible revenge in the near future, is pre-echoing to the converted so far as his remarks were intended to be read by the peoples already at war with Germany. But this expression of views by the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, if it gets into circulation in Germany, should do something towards making the German people chary of trusting their own prophets too implicitly. The recent comments in the "German" papers which derive their inspiration from the most influential circles in Germany completely exposes the insincerity of the German Peace manoeuvre. Since the German "peace offer" was made the Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger has written in this strain:—"We began the war a year too soon. When we have secured a German peace we must begin immediately our reorganisation on a broader basis. We must carefully calculate in advance, what the country lacks in raw material and secure immense reserves to remain unused until some day in the future. We must also establish a definite commercial understanding with countries outside Europe to prevent munition supplies going to our enemies. Finally when the next war comes it must not be a year too soon." The Rhenische-Westfälische Zeitung, the principal organ of Krupp's leading industrialists, has been writing in much the same strain. Thus, in a recent article, after expressing satisfaction that Germany is the victor, and yet prepared for peace, the Krupp organ proceeds:—"We are ready for peace—but our enemies are not—at least not a peace which we would accept. A peace which they would be in the first stage a long pause in hostilities, which would result in taking Northern France and Belgium from us. Their war aim is the destruction of Prussian militarism. They would first of all clear us from all occupied territories, and then dictate to us their peace terms."—"Is that madness?" asks the journal, and it answers: "No, it is only the consequence of British policy. If England gives way it means the collapse of the policy

which has led to this war. If England gives way it means that her satellites and vassals would speedily recognise that in the most senseless way they have sacrificed themselves for England without reward or booty." Of course, it is a wicked travesty of the history of the war to say that our Allies are sacrificing themselves for England. They are sacrificing themselves to defend their territory which Germany has invaded; they are sacrificing themselves to secure the due punishment of the nation of law breakers which treats public law as a "scrap of paper"; and they are resolved that any member of the European family of nations which is so devoid of honour as to ignore its own most solemn undertakings shall be put under such restraint as to make it impossible for her to embark on a military enterprise, of the magnitude of the present war at all events, for many generations to come. The Krupp organ asserts that "as long as the world goes round the sun, questions which decide the existence of nations must be settled by the sword." The task the Allies have set before themselves is to show the German people that "the existence of nations" is best secured by a very different standard of ethics. It is incredible that any German possessing a knowledge of the past century of Germany's history can honestly believe that the existence of the German nation was threatened before the war by England or any other Power: it is her naked aggressiveness and lust of dominion at the expense of her neighbours which the Allies are determined to restrict. There is no getting away from the fact that there can be no lasting peace without complete victory. Mr. BONAR LAW in a recent speech in the House of Commons put the matter very tersely when he asked a critic: "Can you get any terms of peace more binding than the treaty to protect the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusion on paper or by promise which will give us greater security than we had before the war? What are we fighting for?" And again in answer to a member who was concerned lest if we won a victory it would mean conscription for ever in Great Britain, Mr. BONAR LAW made the obvious retort: "What would be the position if peace is settled on the basis of a victorious German army?" The logic of the whole Allied position is unanswerable. "There can be no lasting peace without complete victory."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Some capital photographs were taken by A. Fong of the Governor's inspection of the Hongkong Police Reserves.  
A Peking telegram states that the Bank of China is again trying to negotiate an American loan of \$5,000,000 gold. Interpellations on the subject are to be addressed in Parliament to the Government.  
Practically all the European children in the Colony—close upon two hundred—were entertained at Government House yesterday afternoon by the Misses Iris and Diane May. Tea was provided in the ball-room, after which the children's games were indulged in with much gusto in the extensive grounds where an aerial railway, composed of a basket and wire rope, which was provided by Commodore Sandeman, proved a great source of enjoyment. The children spent a very happy time.  
E. E. the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.), accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp (Lt. Kinchen Smith), his secretary (Mr. Pousenby-Fano), and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. E. R. Hallifax) left for Canton last night in order to return the call of the Civil Governor of Kwangtung and the Military Governor of Kwangsi, and also to call upon the Military Governor of Kwangtung, Lady May and the Misses May and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown are paying a visit to Canton at the same time. His Excellency will return to Hongkong to-night.  
**THE PRICE OF SILVER.**  
A Reuters' telegram received to-day gives the price of silver at 38½ and adds "profit taking steady."

THE MAGISTRACY.

INDIAN WATCHMAN DRUNK ON DUTY.

An Indian watchman was charged before Mr. Melbourne this morning with being drunk while on duty.  
The defendant, who was stationed at the Masonic Hall, pleaded not guilty to the charge, stating that he had been drinking, but was not drunk.  
Mr. J. Vanstone, caretaker of the Masonic Hall, deposed that at 12.15 o'clock this morning he found the defendant recumbent in the yard and sound asleep. After some minutes he managed to waken him and get him on his feet. Then entering the Hall he found all of the lights burning. One of the cupboards had been forced open but nothing had been taken.  
The defendant offered no defence and was fined ten dollars or in default of payment, 14 days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED ASSAULT BY A COOLIE.

As the result of a fight which took place yesterday between a number of coolies employed in the yards of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, a Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.  
The complainant appeared in Court with several stripes of court plaster over one of his eyes and stated that he had been struck by the defendant during yesterday's fracas.  
It appeared, however, the fight had been a general one and the defendant was bound over.

A BOY EMPLOYED TO STEAL.

A Chinese boy was brought before Mr. Melbourne on the charge of larceny.  
It was alleged the defendant had stolen a quilt, rug, a jacket and a clock from No. 8, Praya East.  
Inspector Sim said the defendant lived in a house of a shady character and he believed that the boy was employed to steal.  
Evidence was taken and the defendant sentenced to ten strokes of the birch and 48 hours' detention in Victoria Gaol.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT BRIBERY.

A Chinese was charged with having bottles in Yaumati without a license and attempting to bribe a constable. It appeared that when the defendant was arrested by a lunkon on the charge of having without a license he offered the policeman twenty cents, to let him go free. Mr. Wood imposed a fine of four dollars for having without a license and \$15 for attempting to bribe a constable.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

The remanded case in which C. E. Botelho was charged with assaulting William Ramsey, an assistant clerk in the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.  
The complainant, who was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, deposed that on the 31st of last December he and a friend were walking along Nathan Road. They stopped to purchase some flowers at a flower stand and were approached by the defendant who said to the complainant: "The other day you struck my friend; now defend yourself." The defendant then struck at the complainant with his fist but the complainant managed to ward off the blow. They then clinched and fell to the ground. The defendant being on top, began beating the complainant and continued until dragged off by the complainant's friend and Mr. W. McKie, an interpreter at the Supreme Court, who chanced to be passing at the time.  
Other witnesses were called and then the defendant went into the witness box and testified that he did not start the fight.  
At this point his Worship told him to stand down, remarking that he believed the defendant had started the fight.  
A fine of ten dollars was imposed and the defendant bound over on a personal bond of \$100, with two sureties of \$100 each, to be of good behaviour for six months.

HONGKONG POLICE FOR THE FRONT.

Nineteen members of the Hongkong Police will leave Hongkong at an early date for England. Upon their arrival they will proceed on active service at the front.  
Their names are as follows: Sergeant T. J. Wilson, O. Dorington, J. D. Murphy, John Murphy, C. T. Alexander, K. W. Andrew, E. A. Vincent, E. J. Ellis, W. Y. Henderson, J. Brennan, O. Gable, J. McClellan, G. A. Scimmon, W. Herten, A. Nichol, R. G. Robertson, E. Williams, S. Logan and H. B. Phillips.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

JAPAN'S ADVICE.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PERING, Feb. 14.  
Practically all the provinces have replied to the Government concerning the diplomatic situation. The majority disapprove of going to war but suggest that the Government shall associate itself with other neutral countries in defending neutral rights and interests.  
The British, French, Russian and Italian Ministers have received telegrams from their Governments welcoming China's action against Germany.

LATER.

Since receiving China's Note, the German Minister has been very active in visiting the Premier and other officials, and also Leung Kai Chiu, who is reported to be largely responsible for China's action.  
It is understood, however, that the Government has already decided on a definite policy which is not likely to be altered by Germany's persuasions or threats.

Japanese papers and public opinion endorse China's attitude towards Germany and welcome the indication that China is preparing to co-operate for the crushing of German influence in the Far East.

A Special Conference was held by the Cabinet to discuss Japan's advice to China to join the Entente.

In replying to those provinces that oppose the sending of a Note of protest to Germany, the Premier said that the Note has already been sent and could not be recalled. He hoped all the provinces would do their utmost to defend the country and entertain no other ideas.

Leung Kai Chiu, during the last two days, has called on the British, French, Japanese and German Ministers.  
Koo Wai Kwan, the Chinese Minister in Berlin, has wired that Germany is willing to make some concession in order to come to terms with America.

THE GOVERNMENT'S OPIUM DEAL.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 14.  
The International Reform Society held public meeting yesterday opposing the agreement for buying the opium stock in Shanghai on the ground that although it is said that the opium will be used for medical purposes only, this declaration could not be trusted; and moreover that it would give the provincial authorities a chance to cultivate poppy for medical use, and thus the opium evil will never end. A telegram of protest has been dispatched to Parliament on this effect.

RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary informs us that passports or permits to travel to the United Kingdom or through any dangerous zone will not be granted to women and children unless they are travelling for very urgent reasons, for example, to take up war work or for exceptionally urgent medical or domestic reasons.

THE HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE GAZETTE.

The third number of the Police Reserve Gazette, just issued, well maintains the promise of its predecessors. Among its contents is a letter to the members of the Force by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.) on the occasion of the second anniversary of the formation of the Force. In the final paragraph Mr. Jenkin says: "Lastly, may I ask you, if any of you do not to worry because you are not in either of the khaki-clad local Forces. A record of your individual services to the Government is kept and is open to examination, and I say that in the matter of 'services rendered'—and efficiently rendered—there is not another auxiliary Force in the Colony with a better account to show. What is more, our 'Pay Sheet' shows that, from Superintendent to Constable, we have not had a ten-cent piece between us since we started. No other local auxiliary can say that."  
Other contributions include a biographical sketch of the Hon. Mr. Walter Yee, C.M.G., being the first of a series of articles on "H.K.P.R. Chinese Reserves"; some very interesting notes by Mr. S. B. C. Ross on Chinese Customs relating to adoption in the New Territory, and a variety of other matter besides information of the Corps' activities. The numerous advertisements are a distinct feature, and the present number also includes a cartoon and two photographic reproductions.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At the Victoria British School, at noon to-day, the Director of Education, Mr. E. I. Irving, distributed the prizes in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends of the scholars.  
Mr. L. B. Forster, B.A., the Headmaster, read the following report on the work of the school for the year 1916:—  
The school has been open 202 times in the course of the year compared with 194 times last year. The average attendance for this year is 51, representing a decline on the previous year, which may be attributed to war conditions. Children are being taken Home but few brought out: one ship alone took ten of our children last April to England.  
The Staff was strengthened by the return of Mrs. Bishop in January this year. Miss McNeill resigned her post on September 23rd, while Miss Robson was transferred to Kowloon British School on Sept. 18th. Miss Jack was appointed to Miss Robson's place on September 18th.

The chief innovation with regard to the curriculum, has been the introduction of Chinese for the boys of the upper school. Probably because of its local and practical utility, it has been taken up with considerable zest. The work is under the care of Mr. Sung.  
Efforts to improve the mathematics and English of the upper school have met with some success. A greater use of the library books has contributed something to the latter subject, and more time on the time-table has been allotted to the former. The weakness of the upper school lies in its hand writing and to a much lesser degree in its spelling.

Four pupils this year were prepared for the Junior Local Examination, none being eligible for the Senior exam. All these candidates were successful.  
The physical drill of the upper class has been under the control of Mrs. Bishop. The course followed has been that laid down by the Board of Education at Whitehall. The exercises which are performed with great keenness each morning cannot fail to produce a beneficial effect physically. The drill of the junior school under the supervision of Miss Jack and Miss Rodger is performed each morning with the same interest and zeal as in the upper school.

Dr. McKenny has visited the school each quarter and reported on the health of the children. His recommendations, chiefly with regard to the teeth and eyes, have been forwarded to the parents but the advice is too frequently ignored. This is all the more surprising in a colony like Hongkong where the health of the child ought to be of primary concern.  
The activities of the boys find an outlet in football cricket and fives. In the colder weather the football pitch is a great boon in the tiffin hour. Matches have been played with our neighbours, the Indian school, with varying success. Cadet matches have also taken place. The girls have taken up hockey under Miss Jack and have held twice a week, in the tiffin hour.

The Girl Guides of the school now number 8. They parade every week under Miss Day. The cadet corps, under Lieut. C. Smith, parades at last once every week and numbers 22. It has the advantage of a ten-day camp each year, when some useful instruction is imparted. The members of this corps have also the privilege of attending weekly bathing picnics in the season.

The children of the school make monthly contributions to the General War Fund, and have rendered valuable services on collecting for the Red Cross etc., on Rose Day and Heather Day.  
There is also a branch of the Ministering Childrens League. Its energies are directed towards maintaining a child's cot in London, the money for which object is obtained by each member contributing to a stall in the Bazaar held at Government House.  
We deeply regret to record the death of Lieut. E. W. H. Brett, a former pupil, and Lugard Scholar of this school. He was killed by a sniper on August 1st this year while in a trench near the Somme. It is hoped to establish some permanent and fitting memorial of Lieut. Brett and Lieut. Hoskins, who was recently killed, in this school. Interesting letters have been received from Lieut. R. H. Barlow who is now in the trenches. Thus the scholars have been brought to realise the war and to feel that it touches and will touch them very closely. Lessons towards this end have also been taught and essays written.

I wish to thank the Staff for their cordial assistance, which has contributed to the good results achieved. After the prizes had been distributed, Mr. Irving delivered a short address congratulating the school on its work. Referring to the loss of the two former pupils in the war, he expressed his satisfaction with the proposal to place a memorial in the school to their honour, and said it would be a reminder to future generations of scholars to do their duty.  
A beautiful bouquet was presented to Mrs. Irving and the pupils sang a patriotic song and the National anthem and the proceedings terminated with cheers for Mr. Irving.

HONGKONG'S "OUR DAY" GIFT.

His Excellency the Governor, has received the following letter from the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society—  
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.  
THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.  
JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.  
31, Pall Mall, London, S.W., 8th January, 1917.

Sir—I beg on behalf of Lord Landsdowne to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Officer Administering the Government with reference to the "Our Day" appeal in Hongkong, and to inform you that we duly received through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation the sum of £5,000 being the amount remitted, our official receipt for which we forwarded to the Bank.

Lord Landsdowne and the members of the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John desire me to convey to Your Excellency and through you to all those concerned with the appeal in Hongkong, our warm and grateful thanks for the generous help we thus receive in our work for the sick and wounded. Especially do we wish to record our thanks to Lady May for her generous and energetic co-operation, and to the Hongkong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for their valuable assistance in the Competitions.  
Your Excellency would put us under further obligation if you would convey to the "Our Day" Committee in Hongkong, to the Hongkong War Charities Committee, to Mr. H.B.H. and to Mr. Sandford our high appreciation of the excellent results of their work, and to assure them of our sincere thanks.

I am, etc.,  
(Sd.) ROBT. A. HUDSON,  
Chairman of Finance Committee.  
His Excellency  
Sir Francis H. May, K.C.M.G.,  
Hongkong.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

R. C. C. (A) v. UNIVERSITY.  
To-morrow on K.C.C. Ground at 2.15 p.m.  
R.C.C. Team: J. P. Robinson, J. V. Bragg, K. Macaskill, A. R. E. Raven, W. H. Stapleton, J. H. Mead, W. T. Elson, Dr. G. Forsyth, E. J. Edwards, H. Overy, J. C. Peckler.

AMERICA'S CUSTOMERS.

ENGLAND THE BEST.

Washington, 3rd January.—Purchase of nearly \$2,000,000 made the United Kingdom by far the best customer of the United States in 1916. An analysis published to-day by the Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce shows that no other nation bought so much by half.  
France during the year more than doubled her purchases there, but still fell a bit short of the billion dollar mark. Canada was third with \$600,000,000.  
Besides the central powers, three neutrals of Northern Europe alone of all the world failed to receive more American goods than in 1916.  
American exports to Germany during the year were more than \$1,000,000. Austria-Hungary took less than \$100,000. Japan in 1916 took \$400,000,000 of American goods against \$400,000,000 the year before; Cuba, \$145,000,000 against \$28,000,000; China, \$29,000,000 against \$18,000,000; Russia, \$144,000,000 against \$17,000,000; South America, \$197,000,000 against \$125,000,000.  
Imports from South America during the year increased 50 per cent. Asia sold nearly twice as much to the United States as in 1915. Europe showed some increase.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Def. Indos.	117	buyers
China Sugars	118	b. & sales
	120	sellors
Wharves	29	buyers
Cement	11.40	buyers
Shal Cotton	11.19	sellors
Langkate	20	sellors

TICKLING IN THE THROAT.

EVEN the slightest tickling or hoarseness in the throat may be the forerunner of a dangerous illness. Stop it at once with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.



## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE WAR LOAN.

## RECENT EXPERIENCE ON BRITISH FRONT.

## GERMAN MORALE WEAKENED.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, writing on the 11th inst and describing the British advance on the 10th, says the attack was timed for 10.30. The night was very dark and the ground most difficult. After a brief bombardment the British crossed the soft snow and entered the enemy line. There was little opposition except in the left centre and right, where strong posts were still holding out though surrounded. The fighting was mostly by bombing and there was considerable shelling. As in recent similar exploits the machine-gun fire was not great. Most of the prisoners were Prussians who did not fight anything like up to their traditions. There was no enemy counter-attack.

All recent experience indicates the increasing disinclination of the Germans to try to turn out the British from captured positions. The talk of the prisoners shows that the Germans greatly dread the next push which the present operations are directed to making more overwhelming. The Army is convinced that a "knock-out" will be scored by the Autumn.

## THE LAST DAY.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Banks and Post Offices will keep open till late tonight and to-morrow, in order to cope with the last hours of the rush for War Loan.

The Lord Mayor and the Metropolitan Mayors will proceed in state to Trafalgar Square to-day to preside over a final War Loan demonstration. Choirs and Bands will participate.

## THE INTERVIEW WITH SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons in reply to questions as to whether the interview with Sir Douglas Haig was authorised and correctly reported, Mr. Macpherson (Under Secretary to the War Office) stated that the Government had taken steps to discover from Sir Douglas Haig exactly what had happened.

## SMALL FIRE AT A BRITISH MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A Press Bureau communiqué states: The Minister of Munitions announces that a small fire occurred on Wednesday at a factory in Hertfordshire. Two workmen were killed. Little damage was done.

## THE KAISER AT VIENNA.

## MUCH SPECULATION AS TO THE OBJECT.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—There is much speculation as to the purpose of the Kaiser's visit to Vienna where he and the Emperor Charles exchanged visits.

## THE PETROGRAD CONFERENCE.

## SPEECH BY LORD MILNER.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 15.—Lord Milner, speaking at a banquet indicated that the results of the Conference had been completely successful in determining the details previously to concerted plans on which the Allies had been deliberating.

## REVOLUTION IN CUBA.

## GERMAN INTRIGUE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—There is a revolutionary outbreak in Cuba attributed to German intrigue.

## ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—It is stated that assurances have been received that Japan will support the United States in the event of that country going to war.

## A BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The result of the election at Rosendale is as follows:  
Sir Madden (Coalitionist)...5,019.  
Mr. Taylor (Pacifist)...1,804.  
The defeated candidate was absent in the custody of the Military.  
[The election was caused by the Pevsion of Mr. Lewis Harcourt to the age.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## A RE-ACTION IN GERMANY.

## CRITICISM OF THE WAR LORDS. FEAR OF GREAT BRITAIN.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—Reliable information from Germany states that the proclamation regarding ruthless submarine warfare has depressed many circles, and the opinion is expressed that the naval authorities have miscalculated the possibilities of the submarine. The policy is characterised as "rash and uncalculated," which has alienated neutrals; moreover, the prospect of bringing Great Britain to her knees is believed to be hopeless.

Despite placards urging circumspection of speech, criticisms of the Kaiser and Hindenburg are often heard, and weariness of the war and fear of Great Britain are common feelings in Germany.

## BRAZIL DENOUNCES SUBMARINE RUTHLESSNESS.

## VIENNA, Feb. 15.

The Brazilian Chargé d'Affaires handed Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian Secretary for Foreign Affairs, a Note in which Brazil expresses apprehension regarding the unexpected, unjustifiable and illegitimate submarine blockade, which she refuses to recognise as effective.

## THE SINKING OF AN AMERICAN VESSEL.

## SUBMARINE SINKS HER WITH BOMBS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The *Lyman M. Leav* is a schooner and not a steamer. She was from Palermo, laden with lumber, and was set afire by a bomb from an Austrian submarine which was not showing a flag. The crew of ten, of whom eight are Americans, were landed at Cagliari.

## MR. GERARD.

BERNE, Feb. 15.—Mr. Gerard and his party, numbering 120, left last night for Paris.

## COUNT BERNSTORFF'S HOMEWARD VOYAGE.

## RUBBER FOR THE ENEMY. CONFISCATED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Federal agents on searching the *Fredrik III*, on which Count Bernstorff and his staff are now aboard, discovered several hundred pounds of rubber concealed. The rubber was confiscated. The revolver found on the passengers were delivered to the Captain, who will return them at the end of the voyage.

## GREAT BRITAIN'S INTERNED ALIENS PROBLEM.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons, Mr. G. Cave, K.C., the Home Secretary, said that a Committee was sitting to consider whether interned aliens should be allowed to remain in Great Britain after the war; and also the questions of the exclusion of suspected aliens and the denaturalisation of aliens. The Dominions, he said, would have to be consulted in the last-named matter.

## GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14.—The *Handelsblad* says that German troop movements on the eastern frontier have ceased, and a great proportion of the troops have disappeared southwards.

## "SOME" CONCERTS ON THE SOMME.

"You ask me," writes a soldier who is in the midst of the fighting on the Somme, "if we ever hear any of the theatrical or concert parties who come out from England. Well, hardly in this part of the line—it's far too hot for them, but we have some very decent impromptu concerts. One, a few days ago, which we held in an old village hall was very interesting. Half way through the second song the floor gave away and dropped all the audience about twelve feet into the cellar. The platform remained intact. No one was hurt, and when we were certain we would go no lower it was funny to look up at the article faces. The fellows who were near the wall had grabbed gas-trunks and were still hanging there like so many pictures. 'Yes, we have some concerts on the Somme.'—Daily Chronicle.

## THE GERMAN SHIPS IN THE PHILIPPINE PORTS.

## THE ACTION OF THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES.

The German merchantmen interned in Philippine harbours were seized by the U. S. authorities on Monday, 5th inst. The *Manila Times* states: The crews were removed. The raid was made as a result of a conference held between the Governor-General, General Wood, and the American Consul-General, Mr. Wood. The raid was made at three o'clock in the afternoon and came as a complete surprise to the Germans. Seizure had been expected but it was thought, since it had been delayed so long, that it would not take place for a day or two. As far as is known at present, however, the raid does not mean that the ships have changed ownership. The interned vessels are—

## AT MANILA.

*Camilla Rickmers*, 3,100 Gross tons, 1,037.00 Net tons, owned by Rickmers Line. Bulk of cargo forwarded to destination—remaining on board a quantity of Tea and a little general cargo.  
*Sachsen*, 8,007.13 Gross tons, 2,688.20 Net tons, owned by Hamburg-America Line. The bulk of cargo forwarded to destination—remaining on board a quantity of general cargo from Germany.  
*Suevia*, 3,780.06 Gross tons, 2,351.12 Net tons, owned by Hamburg-America Line. The bulk of cargo forwarded to destination—remaining on board a quantity of general cargo from Germany.

*Johanna*, 1,330.88 Gross tons, 652.00 Net tons, owned by M. Jenson. No cargo on board.  
*Evangelin*, 4,902.00 Gross tons, 3,067.00 Net tons, owned by Deutsch-Anstaltische Dampfschiff-Gesellschaft. No original cargo on board—has on board a small quantity of mutton cargo transferred from S.S. *Elmsford*.  
*Tudingen*, 3,546 Gross tons, 3,000.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No cargo on board.  
*Leyden*, 1,925.00 Gross tons, 1,238.00 Net tons, owned by Hamburg-America Line. No cargo on board.  
*Santia*, 4,763.21 Gross tons, 2,011.00 Net tons, owned by Hamburg-America Line. No cargo on board.  
*Carl Zeppelin*, 1,343.00 Gross tons, 710.00 Net tons, owned by M. Jenson. No cargo on board.

*Pong Tung*, 1,631.00 Gross tons, 907.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No original cargo—has on board general cargo from S.S. *Tubingen*, from Germany.  
*Andalusia*, 5,432.53 Gross tons, 3,370.00 Net tons, owned by Hamburg-America Line. On board a quantity of general cargo from Germany.  
*Rajah*, 2,028.00 Gross tons, 1,275.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. Timber.  
*Colony*, 3,180.00 Gross tons, 2,000.85 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No original cargo—has on board a quantity of general cargo from *Princess Alice* (from Germany).  
*Indra*, 6,100.00 Gross tons, 3,836.00 Net tons, owned by Deutsch-Anstaltische Dampfschiff-Gesellschaft. On board five general cargo.

*Elmsford*, 4,594.00 Gross tons, 2,871.00 Net tons, owned by Deutsch-Anstaltische Dampfschiff-Gesellschaft. On board five general cargo.  
*Mark*, 6,570.00 Gross tons, 4,091.00 Net tons, Norddeutscher Lloyd. No cargo.

## AT ZAMBANGA.

*Darvel*, 1,508.00 Gross tons, 899.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No record of cargo.  
*Borneo*, 2,168.00 Gross tons, 1,344.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No record of cargo.  
*Marsden*, 1,814.00 Gross tons, 902.90 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No record of cargo.

## AT CEBU.

*Weinland*, 478.00 Gross tons, 291.00 Net tons, owned by Deutsche-Sudsee-Phosphat. No record.  
*Trinidad*, 3,648.00 Gross tons, 1,002.00 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No record of cargo.  
*Princess Alice*, 17,981.02 Gross tons, 6,823.44 Net tons, owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd. No record of cargo.

DAMAGE TO THE ENGINES.  
The steamers in Manila bay are now guarded by the constabulary, six and ten men patrolling the docks of each. As the steam guard, trained technical men of the Navy examine the engines and machinery. These men said that the officers and men on board the vessels had done all in their power to render the vessels useless for sea voyages.

## CHINA INTERVIEW AT DAVID.

A special train left Manila for Baguio taking some 160 or more officers and men of the German consular staff, under guard in the harbour to the Mountain where they will be housed and fed at the expense of the insular government until such time as they are permitted to return to their steamers.

## THE SOMME OFFENSIVE.

General De La Croix, analysing the results of the Somme offensive upon Verdun, states: "The situation in June was serious, as the Germans had 22 divisions, with 600 batteries in action, in addition to 12 divisions in reserve. The Franco-British offensive by July 9 compelled 11 of the reserve divisions to be engaged on the Somme, and finally the Germans were obliged to detach units from all the calmer sections of the front. During July the Crown Prince was compelled to give up 100 batteries, and during August he had to give up part of his infantry and aeroplanes. He had only 184 divisions left in October, when another 100 batteries were taken from him."

The Marlborough organist in Mr A. G. Bradley's schoolboy days seems to have been an adept at selecting appropriate hymns. "The Great W. G. Grace" relates Mr Bradley, "played a match at Marlborough in the plenitude of his glory, and was bowled by a schoolboy's first ball. Whereupon the choir at service that evening sang a hymn containing the beautifully significant line, 'The scanty triumph grace hath won.' On another occasion two Marlborough bowlers named Elton and Wood played equal havoc with the wickets of a visiting team, from Cheltenham, and the choir celebrated the occasion by singing—  
The heathen in his blindness  
Bows down to wood and stone."

## A CANTON WAR INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION.

A scheme for investments in War Loans by foreign residents of Canton and district has been inaugurated by Messrs. O. Eger, O. W. Darch, C. A. Peel, E. H. Smyth, who will act as a Committee.

The Investment will be made in the Straits Settlements War Loan Bonds as the Singapore dollar is on a gold basis and the rate of exchange for converting silver into gold is now more than usually favorable.

The actual War Loan Bonds will be eventually handed to Subscribers, as issued by the Straits Settlements Government with coupons attached for interest, which is payable half yearly; these coupons can be cashed through practically any Bank.

Copies of the notification are being circulated but anyone failing to receive one, is invited to apply to Mr. E. H. Smyth, Canton, who is acting as Honorary Secretary.

It is explained in the circular that all funds obtained will be invested in the Straits Settlements War Loan Bonds; these Bonds are being issued in denominations of \$100 (and for higher amounts also) and bear interest at 6 per cent per annum payable half yearly and the whole Bond is repayable at Par on the 15th November 1919.

Subscribers are asked to take up one or more units; a unit being one Straits Settlements War Loan Bond for \$100; the price for each unit has been fixed at \$108 Hongkong Currency, to be paid for in 4 instalments of \$27 each, the whole purchase being completed within 4 months. On receipt of the first instalment of \$27 the full amount of Bond—viz \$100—will be applied for in Singapore as arrangements have been made that pending the completion of the remaining three payments, the necessary funds will be advanced; the interest at 6 per cent per annum commences on the day the Bond is issued and subscribers will therefore be getting a Bond with interest already accrued for nearly 4 months, by the time the last payment is made, the Bond by that time being worth nearly \$102—Straits dollars; the interest on the advance has been allowed for in the price for the Bonds.

For the purposes of this scheme the price of \$108 Hongkong Currency has been fixed for \$100 Straits, but it is probable that after deducting the small expenses incurred, the actual cost will be less than this sum, in which case a proportionate refund will eventually be made to subscribers.

Payments; Subscriptions for each unit have to be made as follows:—

1st instalment \$27.00 on or before 15th March, 1917.  
2nd instalment \$27.00 on or before 15th April, 1917.  
3rd instalment \$27.00 on or before 15th May, 1917.  
4th instalment \$27.00 on or before 15th June, 1917.

On completion of the 4th payment, the accounts will be made up and the Bonds—for \$100—for each unit taken up will be issued to the subscribers; if it is then found that the cost has been a little less than \$108—due return will be made.

(NOTE—Any one who wishes to apply for these Straits Settlements War Loan Bonds direct, can do so through his Bankers; the scheme above is primarily for those who wish to pay by instalments.)

It is hoped that everyone will make an effort to take up at least one unit and as many more as possible, but for those who wish to pay a smaller monthly sum than \$27 an arrangement will probably be made (if sufficient numbers warrant) for 8 monthly payments of \$14 each.

The Straits Settlements dollar has a fixed exchange of 2/4½; hence a \$100 Straits Bond, is equal to £11.15.5 in English money.

## BOY AMOK IN TEA SHOP.

## DOES \$4 10s DAMAGE BECAUSE HE WAS KEPT WAITING.

A boy's extraordinary conduct, because he was kept waiting in a refreshment shop longer than he thought was consistent with his dignity, was described recently at North London Police Court.

First he broke a plate on the table, then he put a saucer under his heel and pulverised it. When it was pointed out to him that he was damaging other people's property his retort was to smash 16 cups and saucers to bits and overturn a table; the marble top of which he smashed.

## BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Acknowledged to 20th January, 1917:—

Since received:—  
Mr. F. G. Becker, Whampoa, Canton, sub. for January 20.00  
Rowland Customs Staff, per Mr. O. D. Gander 36.00  
Mr. A. J. Walters 2.00  
M.S.S. sub. for February 5.00  
D.A.W. 19.00

Collected by Mrs. Arthur, List No. 9:—  
A.L.L. 30.00  
"The Old Kings 25.00  
A.M.V. 20.00

Anon. M.C.R.S. at \$15.00 each 20.00

H.C.S. I.R.C. G.A.P. 20.00  
W.G.W. F.G. G.M. 20.00  
H.F.C. P.A.S. F.C.J. 20.00  
E.F.A. "Orderly pay" at \$10.00 each 110.00  
E.W.P. 9.00

J.A. She Tai Tui, San Shaw Shaw, G.E.T. at \$6.00 each 24.00

J.R.G. T.F.F. J.M.H. 20.00  
R.S.N. L.N.M. N.S.M. 20.00  
J.V.R. C.C. C.R.B. 20.00  
H.H. R.H. W. & H. 20.00  
J.S.D. S.G.N. E.M.F. 20.00  
C.H.R.H. G.S.A. R.S. 20.00  
H.W.K. S.H.D. J.A.Y. 20.00  
A.G.G. A.S. A.E.G. 20.00  
L.N.P. C.W.B. B.A.B. 20.00  
A.B.S. F. Cheung Shui 20.00  
P.T. N.L.K. N. de C.L. 20.00  
Pin Pool, Joan, at \$3.00 each 170.00

J.H.R. E.A. J.B. F.R. 20.00  
E.R.M. F.H.H. W.S. 20.00  
G.M.S. H.H. A.C.D. 20.00  
C.W. at \$3.00 each 39.00  
A.R.A. W.B. J.R.K. J.D. 20.00  
F.W.J. D.F. R.W.M. 20.00  
W.C.B. E.M.F. A.D.G. 20.00  
C.H.D. R.G.H. C.H.B. 20.00  
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Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1917.

Amongst the many letters and cards received from the Front, in acknowledgment of the cigarettes sent, were the following:—

From Major J. A. Healing, O.C. 2/Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 12th January, 1917:—  
I wish you would convey to the donors the very best thanks of the Battalion for your kind gift of cigarettes. It is extremely gratifying to know that the men in the trenches are in the minds of those so far removed from the scene of action; and you may take it from me that your gift is thoroughly appreciated.

From Major A. B. G. Wilson, Comdg. 1/Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 18th December, 1916:—  
I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a case of 10,000 Woodbine cigarettes forwarded here by the British American Tobacco Coy. under instructions from the Hongkong Cigarette and Tobacco Fund. There are but few left of those who served with this Battalion in Hongkong, but many sons and nephews of the Battalion of those days.

These in particular are extremely grateful to their fathers and uncles' old time friends. Of the old some of you may remember there is Lieut. Hutton, son of the then Cr. Sgt. L. Hutton. Also a Sgt. Major Watters, a son of a colour sergeant of those days. The present adjutant is Lieut. C. B. Robertson, a son of Mr. Bruce Robertson, an old friend of mine in Hongkong. I myself am a nephew of Captain Ayton and T. A. Scott. With best wishes for the New Year.

From Corp. E. A. Lyons, 4810 1/15th Battalion, London Regiment (Civil Service Rifles), R.E.F., France, 30th December, 1916:—  
I am writing you a few lines in the name of my "boys," to thank you heartily for the gift of cigarettes just to hand this p.m. Believe me, they were heartily appreciated.

Your addressed postcard was duly enclosed but it seemed preferable to elaborate a little by a letter.

We in our turn send you very hearty wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year, with the prospect of victory and peace in the near future.

As if I may interest you, to know who the recipients of your kind gift were.

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## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Waleman, Commanding H.E.V.R.

DETAILS.  
On duty from the morning of Sunday the 18th February to the morning of Sunday the 25th February H.K.V.C.  
Next for duty "B" Coy. H.K.V.R.  
Orderly Officer Lieut. C. G. Moxon.

## PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday, 19th instant.  
Sergeants will attend a class of Instruction in Bayonet Fighting at Murray Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osberry. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lt/Cpl G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Rogers. Dress: Clean fatigue.

"A" and "B" Coes on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitook Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Wednesday, 21st instant.  
Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osberry. Dress: Drill order.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Rogers. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Thursday, 22nd instant.  
Recruits on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitook Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Friday, 23rd instant.  
Recruits on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taitook Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

## STRENGTH.

Pte. T. M. Gregory having joined is allotted Corps No. 642 and posted to Coy. B Platoon No. VI Section 8.  
Pte. J. D. Lloyd having joined is allotted Corp No. 642 and posted to Coy. A Platoon No. III Section 9.  
Pte. G. Stark having joined is allotted Corps No. 644 and posted to Coy. A Platoon No. I Section 4.

## INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FUTURES.  
On Wednesday the 21st instant there will be no lecture, instead of which the 3 Instructional Classes will proceed to Soncesters leaving the A.S.C. Pier at 3 p.m. and Blake Pier at 5.30 p.m. returning to Hongkong from Soncesters at 7.30 p.m.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION, CENTRAL STATION AMBUSH, 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 22nd.—No. 7 Platoon (No. 4 Company).  
Friday, Feb. 23rd.—No. 6 Platoon (No. 8 Company).

Members of these Platoon are referred to Orders of Feb. 14/16th.  
Recruits, central station, 5.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19th.—All Recruits (except No. 2 Company).  
Tuesday, Feb. 20th.—Recruits of No. 2 Company.

Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—All Recruits (except No. 2 Company).  
Friday, Feb. 23rd.—Recruits of No. 2 Company.











## SHARE REPORT.

Stock and paid up Value.	Quotations 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Rate based on last year's div.
<b>BANKS.</b>			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$713 a.	Final of 22-8/- making 24-11/- for 1918 and bonus of 10/- subject to deduction of income tax	8 1/2 p.c.
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>			
Canton ... \$ 50	\$375	\$7 Sna making \$25 a/c 1 and interim of \$15 a/c 1916.	4 1/2 p.c.
North China ... \$5	T. 150	Final div. of 15% making 27 1/2 % a/c 1916 Interim of \$30 a/c 1916.	5 p.c.
Unions ... \$100	\$900		
Yangtze ... \$ 60	\$255	Final of \$15 making \$18 for 1914 and int. of \$8 on accounts 1916	5 1/2 p.c.
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>			
China Fire ... \$ 50	\$155	\$7 and bonus \$3 for 1914.	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire ... \$ 50	\$367 1/2	\$27 for 1914	7 p.c.
<b>SHIPPING.</b>			
Douglas Steamships \$50	\$114	\$1 final and \$5 bonus, making \$14 a/c 1915-16	11 1/2 p.c.
Steamboats ... \$ 15	\$19 s. d. b. & m.	\$1.25 for 1916	4 1/2 p.c.
Indo-China (Preferred) ... \$5	\$127	Interim of 3/- a/c 1916.	6 p.c.
(Deferred) ... \$5	\$127 1/2	Interim of 10/- a/c 1916.	8 1/2 p.c.
"Shell" Transporters ... \$1 100/-		2/- int. a/c 1914 Corpus 27	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" ... \$ 10	\$33 b.	\$1.65 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30/4/16	5 1/2 p.c.
<b>REFINERIES.</b>			
China Sugar ... \$100	\$118 b. & m	\$12 for 1916	10 1/2 p.c.
Malayan Sugar ... \$ 50	\$38 1/2	P. 5 for 1916	
<b>MINING.</b>			
Kailash ... \$21	\$36/-	Final div. 5 % free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1915-1916 coupon No. 8	
Langkat ... \$10	T. 20 1/2	Tia. 1 for 1916	4 p.c.
Raub ... \$21	\$240 a.		
Trench Mines ... \$21	\$23/-	4/- a/c 1916.	
Ural Caspians ... \$21	\$32 1/2	8 % for 1915	
<b>DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.</b>			
Kowloon Wharves ... \$ 50	\$82 b. & m. 90 s.	8 % for 1916 & bonus \$	4 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks ... \$ 50	\$126 1/2	\$2 1/2 interim a/c 1916.	7 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Docks ... \$ 100	T. 85 a.	Tia. 7 1/2 for year ending 30/4/16	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Wharves ... \$ 100	T. 85 1/2	Tia. 3 for 1916	3 1/2 p.c.
<b>HOTELS' LANDS AND BUILDINGS.</b>			
Hongkong Hotels ... \$ 100	\$110 a.	Final of \$3 making \$8 a/c 1916	4 1/2 p.c.
Central Estate ... \$100	\$93	\$7 a/c 1916.	7 p.c.
Hongkong Lands ... \$100	\$21 b.	Final div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 a/c 1916.	7 p.c.
Humphreys Estate ... \$ 10	\$41 b.	30 cents for 1916	5 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Lands ... \$ 50	\$83	\$2 1/2 for 1915	6 p.c.
West Point ... \$ 50	\$73 a.	Final \$18.25, making \$5.25 a/c 1916.	4 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Lands ... \$ 50	T. 99	8 % interim a/c 1916.	4 1/2 p.c.
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>			
Woo ... \$ 50	T. 145	Tia. 19 for year ending 31/12/16	10 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Cottons ... \$ 50	T. 112 a.	Tia. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-4-16.	3 p.c.
Kung Yik ... \$ 10	T. 13 1/2	Tia. 0.90 for 1916	10 1/2 p.c.
Yingmopoo ... \$ 5	T. 5 1/2		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
China-Borneo ... \$ 12	\$8	72 cts. for 1916	3 1/2 p.c.
Light & Power ... \$ 5	\$4.60 b.	6 p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	7 1/2 p.c.
China-Provident ... \$ 10	\$9 a.	70 cents for 1916	6 1/2 p.c.
Dairy Farms ... \$ 6	\$23 1/2	\$3 for year ending 31-7-16	8 p.c.
Green Islands ... \$ 10	\$11.40 b.	60 cents for 1915	8 p.c.
Hongkong Electric ... \$ 10	\$49 b.	\$2 1/2 for 1915/1916	4 p.c.
Hongkong Ice ... \$ 21	\$160	\$2 on a/c 1916	7 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes ... \$ 10	\$34 1/2	\$1 interim 1916.	8 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways ... \$ 50	\$72.20 a.	7 % interim a/c 1916 cents 104 per share	4 1/2 p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry ... \$ 10			
Peak Tramways ... \$ 10	\$16	7 % for 1916/1917	7 1/2 p.c.
Steam Laundry ... \$ 5	\$3 1/2	25 cents for 1915/1916.	6 1/2 p.c.
Union Waterboats ... \$ 10	\$15 1/2	12 1/2 % for 1916	4 p.c.
Watsons ... \$ 10	\$64 b.	70 cents for 1915	10 p.c.
William Powell ... \$ 7	\$8	50 cents for 1915/1916.	

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